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## Irrigation Scheme On Foot To Reclaim 200,000 Acres

**Fast Plan to Water Arid Land—Promoters Intend to Use Utah Lake as Storage Reservoir by Erecting Dam Along Its Sides.**

An irrigation scheme on a gigantic scale had its inception Tuesday when plans were completed whereby 204,160 acres of Utah land will be reclaimed. The scheme involves the enlargement of Utah lake, the construction of dykes on the east, south

and north shores of that body of water and the reclaiming of great tracts of land in Cedar valley and in Utah county. The scheme will also mean the reclaiming of 30,000 acres in Rush valley, 20,000 acres in Tooele county, 20,000 acres on the east side of Salt Lake valley, and 20,000 acres on the west side of Salt Lake valley.

The cost of the project will aggregate from six to eight millions of dollars. The lands included in the project are among the best dry farming lands in the state. They are not in the rough, but have been brought under cultivation, and are valued. It is estimated that, when water is turned on, the value will increase to \$200 an acre. To deliver the water on the ground will cost from \$40 to \$50 an acre.

### Lake Level to be Raised.

The construction of the dykes will raise the level of the lake from 4½ to 5 feet. To protect the water and make it usable for domestic and culinary purposes, it is the purpose to divert from the lake all alkaline waters and the drainage waters of Utah county. To irrigate these lands will necessitate use of 253,000 acre feet of water, and the intent is to take it from Utah lake and the Jordan river. Application will be made to the state engineer for this usage.

These facts are made public by Charles F. Brown, an engineer with offices in the Walker Bank building, Salt Lake City, who has prepared all this necessary, including the preliminary steps toward making an application for the use of the water.

As diverting works will mean the construction of a canal about sixty miles in length, 250 feet wide at the top 100 feet at the bottom and 20 feet in depth. Pipe lines which will be used in addition to the canal would range from 3 feet in diameter to 8 inches. It is the purpose, according to Mr. Brown, to conserve all unappropriated water possible from a drainage area covering 2000 square miles of mountain and valley. This water now flows naturally into Utah lake, and is to be held there by the proposed works for storage purposes. Thence it will be conducted by means of canals, natural channels, pipe lines and conduits, by gravity and the necessary pumping stations, to the lands in Cedar, Rush and Salt Lake valleys.

### CLUB HOLDS INTERESTING MEETING

A largely attended and very enthusiastic meeting was held in the Commercial Club rooms Wednesday night. President Jesse Harmon, Secretary James Grove, Engineer Geo. Swan and W. O. Creer, street commissioner of Provo, and all members of the Provo Commercial Club were present, and each gave splendid addresses.

President Harmon spoke upon the accomplishments of the Provo Commercial Club. Mr. Grove spoke on the purposes and history of the Commercial Clubs of the state. Mr. Swan read a report from J. Wm. Knight of Provo, who is making a thorough investigation as to the relative merits of the different kinds of pavements. He recommended no pavement without a concrete base. Mr. Creer spoke about the Timpanogos loop which is being contemplated by the county commissioners. A road is to be built up the north fork of Provo canyon which will come on down through the South Fork of American Fork canyon. It is expected to be completed by the time the N. E. A. holds forth here this summer.

A committee was appointed to get in touch with commissioner Wadley along these lines. It was reported that 15 new members had joined since last meeting and that more had promised to do so in the very near future. The club was pleased to note the attendance of several of the farmers of the town and wish to invite all farmers to join with them for a better city.

### LEGION ELECT NEW OFFICERS

A very enthusiastic meeting of the local post of the American Legion was held Thursday, March 18, 1920, at the City Hall. First vice commander, Hyrum Blackhurst in charge. A new set of officers were elected as follows: Walter Strange, Post Commander; Hyrum Blackhurst, 1st Vice Commander; Wallace Chipman, 2nd Vice Commander; Paul Allen, Adjutant; Clyde Crookston, Employment Officer; Ernest Rutledge, Advertising Officer.

Frank Parker, Athletic Officer. An executive committee composed of Clyde Crookston, Elwood Sinclair, and James Chipman. After election of officers very interesting talks were made by Clyde Crookston and Hyrum Blackhurst. All Legion members without employment are requested to leave their name and occupation desired with Clyde Crookston, employment officer. Next meeting, Thursday, April 1st. Let us all boost for American Fork Post No. 49.

### FOUND DEAD IN HOME SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Mrs. Ellen Merrill, aged 72 years, was found dead at her residence on Merchant street, Sunday afternoon about 2 p. m. She lived alone and it appears that she must have been stricken with a sudden attack of heart failure sometime Saturday evening, just prior to her retiring. She was formerly Miss Ellen Hunt, and was the sister of Mrs. Melissa Greenwood and the late Mrs. Lena Chipman. She is survived by two children, a boy, Erastus, and a girl, Cora, who is married and lives in Cowley, Wyo. Both children came to American Fork upon hearing the sad news of their mother's death.

Funeral services were held in the Second ward chapel Thursday afternoon with Bishop Jas. H. Storrs in charge.

The opening prayer was offered by Stephen D. Chipman. The speakers for the services were Patriarch Warren B. Smith, Elmer Blackhurst and Pres. S. L. Chipman, who told of their remembrances of the woman and spoke words of consolation to the bereaved. A quartette composed of Norvin L. Storrs, Victor Nicholes, Mary Chipman and Hazel Walker furnished the musical numbers. The closing prayer was given by Bro. Samuel Greenwood.

After the funeral an auto cartage carried the remains to the City cemetery where interment took place. The open sepulcher was dedicated by W. S. Greenwood.

### COMING.

Wednesday, March 24, 1920, the greatest musical event of the season. Prof. David Reese, Utah's greatest tenor, supported by a number of talented artists, will appear in the Stake Tabernacle, at 8 p. m. on above date. All lovers of music should hear the "Pavane Scene in Romeo and Juliet" and other splendid numbers, instrumental and vocal. Tickets 25c, children; adults, 50c. Proceeds for tabernacle organ.

### ATTENTION POULTRYMEN

We have received a car load of all kinds of feed necessary for chickens. From the baby chick to the laying hen. We will be pleased to take care of your requirements along this line. You will find our prices are right. PEOPLE'S MILL & ELEVATOR CO. 20-11.

### SKYLIGHT BURGLARS VISIT AMERICAN FORK. MAKE GOOD HAUL

The skylight burglars paid American Fork a visit early Thursday morning and looted the J. C. Penney's store on Main street of some \$1,800 to \$2,000 worth of their best goods.

When employees of the company came to open the store Thursday morning they found half a pane of glass of the skylight on the floor, a good, thick rope hanging down from the skylight to the floor, and the best of goods missing from shelves, racks and boxes, with several suit cases gone.

The local officers and the sheriff's office were notified. Investigation indicated that the burglars had come to town in an auto. They parked it on First North street some time during the night or early morning, near the home of Walter Devey, a block north of the Penney store. They then went south through Chipman's lumber yard, following the railroad switch part way, then east and again south through a small alleyway, where their tracks showed they climbed a fence and then on to the store; then to the roof of the store. They gained entrance through the skylight and picked the very best to be had in silks and ready-to-wear men's and women's wearing apparel. Their footprints could easily be traced on the roof and through the lumber yard as some snow was on the ground. The footprints of a very small shoe, thought to have been a woman's footprint, was clearly visible. She not only entered that store, but her tracks shows she kept watch up and down Main street from the top of the building.

They made their exit through the rear door of the building and carried all their plunder up to the car, a block north.

After they had satisfied themselves, they must have had considerable trouble in getting their Ford car to start, as they woke Mrs. Devey up. She thought someone was trying to steal their car, so she woke her husband. They watched them finally crank the car and drive off toward Salt Lake, little suspecting what their errand was. According to Mr. Devey this happened just at 4 a. m.

They left no clue to their identity. However, the sheriff states that the auto tire tracks correspond to those found when the Spanish Fork store was robbed Saturday night. It was the opinion of the sheriff that an organized gang is working throughout the state and that they used very clever tactics.

Mr. Firmage, manager of the store here, is of the opinion that the burglars were thoroughly acquainted with the J. C. Penney's lines and styles, etc., for they did not seem to molest anything but the best of goods and seemed to know just where to find them.

He also stated that the firm was fully insured against skylight burglars, and that the insurance company's agent had already been down and gave him assurance that the insurance Co. would promptly pay the loss.

### FORT DITCH WATER USERS HEAR REPORT

At the meeting of the Fort Ditch water users last Friday night, a board of directors were chosen. The reports were heard from the different committees and it was reported that nearly every person along the line was heartily in favor of sinking the well which is to furnish more irrigation water.

The committee appointed to select the site, recommended that the well be made near the head of the ditch.

The following board of directors were chosen: Otto Birk, Christen Hanson, W. J. Chadwick, Niels Nelson, and J. P. Aydelotte. The board appointed W. J. Chadwick as its chairman and B. S. Kershaw as secretary. Work will start in the near future and plans, etc., are well under way.

Speaking of good brooms, GRANT'S have the best to be had for only 75 cents each.

### WANT ROAD FROM SOUTH FORK TO BASE OF MOUNTAIN

Monday at Provo a committee appeared before the county commissioners and asked for an appropriation of \$7,500 from the county with which to improve the road leading from Provo canyon up North Fork to Aspen Grove, at the foot of Mt. Timpanogos and from South Fork in American Fork canyon to the base of the mountain, \$5,000 of the amount to be used in North Fork and \$2,500 in South Fork.

The county commissioners stated that they would do all in their power to co-operate with the committee in making the improvements suggested. The matter was referred to Commissioner Joseph Reese to go over the plans by which the road can be placed in proper condition so that automobiles may be able to pass over it as far as Aspen Grove.

### Realart Program For Week

The Realart theatre has a good program for all next week. Tonight "The Man Beneath;" Monday night, Mabel Normand in "The Floor Below;" Tuesday, Monroe Salisbury in "The Man in the Moonlight;" Wednesday and Thursday, "Dawn," a 6-reel human heart drama; Friday "A Daughter of the Old South;" Saturday, the 27th "The Virginian."

### WORK TO START IMMEDIATELY ON MAIN STREET IN GRADING AND LAYING GUTTERS

Work is to commence on the paving of Main street immediately, according to the agreement made by the City Council and the contractors at a special meeting of the Council held Monday, March 12, in the City Hall.

Mayor Walker and all Councilmen were present, together with City Attorney, A. L. Booth and Mr. Reed of the Gibbons and Reed Contracting Co.

The mayor stated that the meeting was called for the special purpose of passing a resolution requiring the Salt Lake and Utah R. R. to pave their track in connection with the paving of Main street, and also to pass a resolution assuring the contractors, Gibbons and Reed Co. that the City will use all legal means in its power to see that the Salt Lake and Utah R. R. Co. does its part of the paving.

After considerable discussion relative to the legal status of the resolutions, a unanimous vote was cast in favor of both. The recorder was instructed to submit a copy to the Orem people which was done.

The recorder reported that about one half of the delinquent water taxes were still unpaid, and the attorney who was present, was instructed to enter suit for the collection of all amounts still unpaid. While the city is not desirous of causing the people any unnecessary trouble and expense, at the same time they are insistent that these taxes must be paid without delay.

Mr. Reed states that the action of

the Council assured the contractors sufficiently and that they would commence work immediately in grading Main street and laying gutters.

### Mothers' Take Notice

Dr. Olsen is coming to give a free lecture course to all parents who feel that they need medical aid and advice in the care and rearing of their children. He will give a series of lectures as follows:

- 1st—Pre-natal development of the child.
- 2nd—Care of new-born babe.
- 3rd—Care of bottle-fed babe.
- 4th—Feeding disturbances of first year.
- 5th—Pre-school period of child's life.

The first of these lectures will be given in the City Hall next Wednesday evening, March 24th at 7:15.

We wish that every home could be represented. Fathers, as well as mothers are invited to be present. As these lectures are free we feel sure every one will wish to take advantage of them.

### CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

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## Spring Conference April 4th to 6th.

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You pay more in Salt Lake City

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